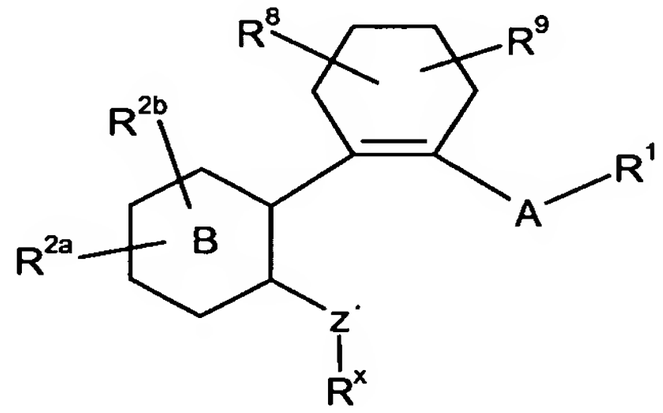
Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

A represents an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring, or an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclyl group;

B represents a phenyl or pyridyl ring;

Z represents O, S, SO, or SO_2;

R^1 represents CO_2H, CN, $CONR^5R^6$, CH_2CO_2H, optionally substituted SO_2alkyl, $SO_2NR^5R^6$, $NR^5CONR^5R^6$, COalkyl, 2H-tetrazol-5-yl-methyl, optionally substituted bicyclic heterocycle or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

R^{2a} and R^{2b} each independently represents hydrogen, halo, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, CN, SO_2alkyl, SR^5, NO_2, optionally substituted aryl, $CONR^5R^6$ or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

R^x represents optionally substituted alkyl wherein 1 or 2 of the non-terminal carbon atoms are optionally substituted by a group independently selected from NR^4, O and SO_n, wherein n is 0, 1 or 2, optionally substituted alkenyl or optionally substituted alkynyl: or R^x represents optionally substituted CQ^aQ^bheterocyclyl, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^b-bicyclic heterocyclyl or optionally substituted CQ^aQ^b-aryl;

R^4 represents hydrogen or an optionally substituted alkyl;
R^5 represents hydrogen or an optionally substituted alkyl;
R^6 represents hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted SO_2aryl, optionally substituted SO_2alkyl, optionally substituted SO_2heteroaryl, CN, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^baryl, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^bheteroaryl or COR^7;
R^7 represents hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl or optionally substituted aryl;
R^8 and R^9 each independently represents hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, CF_3, C_{1-3}alkoxy or C_{1-3}alkyl;
Q^a and Q^b each independently selected from hydrogen and CH_3; and
when A is a 6-membered ring the R^1 substituent and cyclohexene ring are attached to carbon atoms 1,2-, 1,3- or 1,4- relative to each other, and when A is a five-membered ring or bicyclic heterocyclyl group the R^1 substituent and cyclohexene ring are attached to substitutable carbon atoms 1,2- or 1,3- relative to each other,
or a derivatives thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is pyridyl.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein R^1 represents CO_2H.

4. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from:

6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;

6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-{[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-{[(2,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-{[(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-{[(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-{[(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-{[(2-chlorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-{[(3,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-{[(2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-{[(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-{[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-{2-[2-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-{2-[2-{[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-{2-[2-{[(2,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-[2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-{[(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-{2-[2-{[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;

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5-[2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-{[(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-[2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-{[(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-{2-[2-{[(2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-{2-[2-{[(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-{2-[2-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-cyclohexen-1-yl}-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(3,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-(2-{5-chloro-2-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]phenyl}-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-3-pyridinecarboxylate
5-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;

5-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
5-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-(2-{5-bromo-2-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]phenyl}-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-bromo-2-{[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-bromo-2-{[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-bromo-2-{[(2,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-bromo-2-{[(3,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-bromo-2-{[(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-bromo-2-{[(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-bromo-2-{[(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;
6-[2-(5-bromo-2-{[(2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid; and
3-[2-(5-chloro-2-{[(2,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-cyclohexen-1-yl]-2-pyridinecarboxylic acid;

and derivatives thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 4~~ or a pharmaceutically

acceptable derivative thereof together with a pharmaceutical carrier and/or excipient.

6. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a human or animal subject suffering from a condition which is mediated by the action of PGE_2 at EP_1 receptors which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 4~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a human or animal subject suffering from a pain, inflammatory, immunological, bone, neurodegenerative or renal disorder, which method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 4~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a human or animal subject suffering from inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain or visceral pain which method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 4~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

11. – 13. (Canceled)

14. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the subject is a human.

15. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the subject is a human.

16. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the subject is a human.

17. (New) A method of mediating EP1 receptors, comprising the step of administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.